

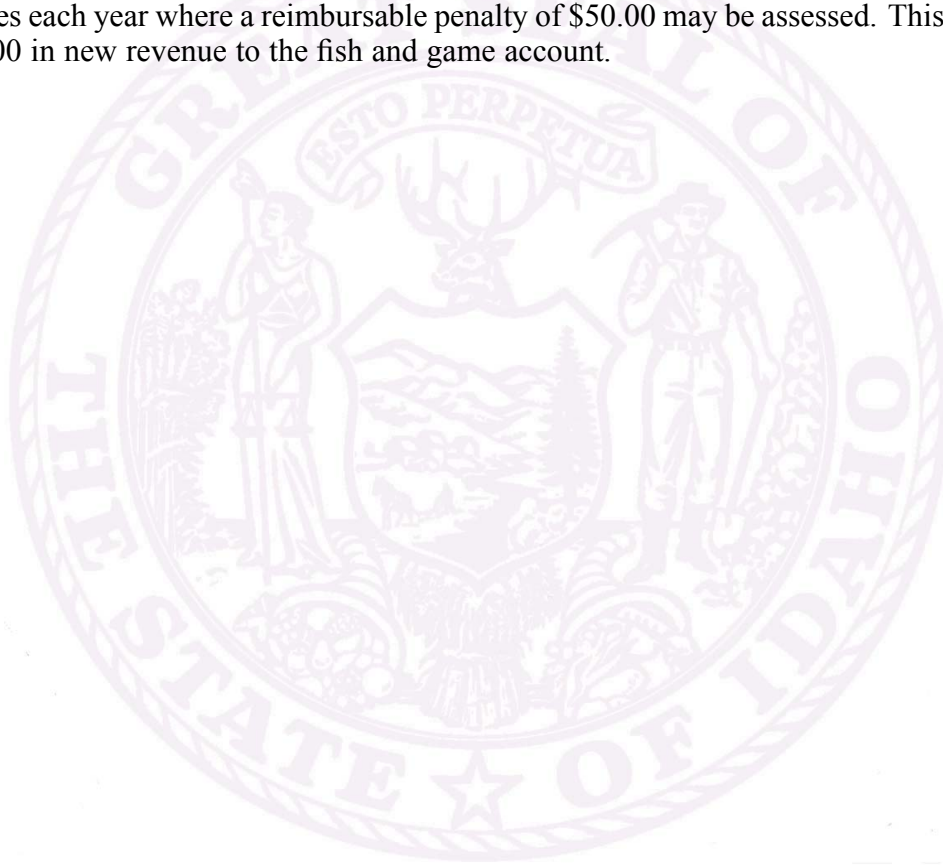
STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

RS22357

This bill would expand the provision requiring reimbursement to the state for illegally taken wildlife. The minimum reimbursable penalty in Section 36-1404, Idaho Code, would include all wildlife that has been classified as protected by the fish and game commission. This bill does not expand the reimbursable penalty to unprotected wildlife or wildlife classified in Section 36-201 as predatory wildlife. The bill also technically corrects Chinook salmon to "wild" Chinook salmon for reimbursable penalty, similar to wild steelhead.

FISCAL NOTE

There will be no effect to the state General Fund. Based on enforcement records of illegal take of wildlife for which reimbursable penalties are not currently assessed, there will be an estimated twenty cases each year where a reimbursable penalty of \$50.00 may be assessed. This would result in \$1,000.00 in new revenue to the fish and game account.



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